

THE
DEVIL turned QUAKER:

OR,

The Damnable, Divellish, and accursed Doctrines and Designs, of these desperate, deluded, and deluding people; called QUAKERS: Their damnable Opinions, and horrid Blasphemies, touching the Person and Deity of our blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

ESPECIALLY,
The Divellish Practices, and accursed Blasphemies and Opinions, of one JAMES NAYLER; a Ring leader of this Sect: Who blasphemously declared himself to be God, and was publikely worshipped as God, by his wicked Disciples, at BRISTOL: who now lye in Prison, to receive the reward due unto them for the same.

MATTH. 24. 23. *There shall arise false Christs, and false Prophets, and shall shew great signes and wonders, but (saith our Saviour) beware them not.*

MATTH. 23. 17, 18. *Remember the words which were spoken before of the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how they told you, there should be deceivers in the last times, &c.*

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spoken before of the spirit of our Lord Jesus
Christ; how often you have heard him say
in the last times.

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1. John. 4. 1, 2, 3.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false Prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know we the Spirit of God, every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is that spirit of Antichrist, whereof you have heard that it should come; and even now according it is come.



In the last dayes, saith the Apostle, 2 Tim. 3. Perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous boasters, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers,

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False accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good, vaunters, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: From such, saith the Apostle in the fifth verse, Turn away.

And that we may the better discern and avoid these seducers, the Apostle sets them out unto us, as well in their pre-ences and outward actions and carriage, as by their inward principles and corruptions, as you may see in the sixth, seventh, and eighth verses: Of this sort, saith he, are they that creep into Houses, and lead captive silly Women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts; ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

In the six first Verses of this Chapter, the Apostle setteth forth unto us, the practises of these ungodly sinners; and that men might be fore-armed against these seducers, he tells us at the sixt Verse, how we should know them; Of this sort, saith he, are they that creep into Houses, and lead captive silly Women. Now as *James* and *Jambres* withstood *Moses*, so do these resist the Truth; Men of corrupt mindes, reprobate concerning the faith. But in the ninth Verse, saith the Apostle, They shall proceed no further; for their folly shall be manifest unto all men.

Now according to this method of the Apostle,
shall

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shall I proceed ; in setting forth unto you, the corrupt, horrid, and blasphemous practices, of these ungodly, and irreligious sinners of our times, known by the name of **QUAKERS** : First, I shall discover unto you, by the Lords assistance, their horrid, and of all good Christians to be abhorred, practices and opinions : In the next place, I shall endeavour, God willing, to set forth unto you, the Blasphemies, and accursed delusions, of these monsters of men and enemies of all righteousness, the **QUAKERS** ; a generation of Vipers, of late, by the power of Satan, sprung up amongst us : Having done this, I shall by Gods assistance, give you some few motives and encouragements, to perswade you, in the fear of the Lord, to beware of the wicked ones, whom the Lord, I hope, will ere long consume with the breath of his nostrils, and suddenly scatter them in his wrath, like a mighty Whirl-winde. Beware of false Prophets, saith our Saviour. And then lastly, having discovered unto you the solly, and madnes of these Seducers, I shall conclude all, in a word of advice, to all those that fear the Lord, in these three Nations ; to beware of these wicked and ungodly men ; As the Apostle perswades, in the second Epistle of *Peter* and the third Chapter : Having before described such a generation of wicked ones as they are ; in the seventeenth verse, he

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concludes all, with heavenly advice and admonition, to all that desire to fear the Lord: Ye therefore beloved, saith the Apostle, seeing you know these things before, Beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness; but grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And now I begin with the first; The horrible and accursed Principles of these wicked men: First, they do blasphemously deny God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is God, blessed for ever; impiously and blasphemously saying, *God is in them, and the Light within them, is God*, when indeed there is no light at all in them, but darkness: As the Psalmist saith, Their very inward thoughts are darkness, and blindness of mind; who being past feeling, as the Apostle saith, Have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to commit all uncleanness with greediness: It is the Devil that is in them, and not God, the Devil he deludes them, and he reigns and rules in these Children of disobedience; they are of their father the Devil, and his instruments they are, to delude and destroy, both their own and others souls.

Secondly, they deny the blessed word of God, and despise it; tearing it in peeces, and refusing

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ing to walk according to the rule of it, saying: *They have the Word within them, and that there is no need of any other Word, they have it remembred to them by the Spirit.* And this also is a delusion of the Devil; for as the Apostle saith, *1 Cor. 2. 13.* All Scripture is given by inspiration, and is profitable for Doctrine and for instruction, that the men of God may be perfect. So likewise *1 Pet. the first Chapter and last Verses*, Ye have had a more sure word of Prophecie, whereunto ye do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in dark places.

Thirdly, they are loose and lascivious in their lives and conversations, despising both Ministry and Magistracy, together with all humane Society; presumptuous are they, as *St. Jude* saith in his Epistle; They are not afraid to speak evil of dignities, walking according to the imaginations of their own bale hearts; the good Lord rebuke them, and undercieve them. Ungodly men they are, as *St. Jude* saith, Turning the grace of God into wantonness, and denying the Lord God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, leading captive silly Women, laden with divers lusts, going naked about the streets, in a most odious and beastlike manner, belching forth blasphemy against the great God of heaven, saying, *They are commanded to do so.* Wels they are, without water, ra-

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ging waves of the Sea, foaming out their own shame; trees that are twice dead, pluckt up by the roots: Whole end, as *St. Paul* saith, is to be burned.

Likewise, they cast off the ordinances of *Jesus Christ*, accounting them as needless and unnecessary: *They have no need*, they say, *of the Word of God, nor no need of Prayer*; they are above these things, above Ordinances; yea, I may truly say, they are past grace: For, say they, *We may live as we list*. They have no sin in them at all, but whatsoever they do is good, being according to the light within them, and the motions of the spirit, with which they are possessed: But miserable wretches as they are, they deceive their own souls, as *St. John* saith, in the first Chapter of his first Epistle, and the last Verse. If the spirit within them bid them do any thing, though it be never so wicked, they say, it is God; The Lord anoint their eyes with the eye-salve of his spirit, and cast out of them this foul unclean spirit, with which they are possessed; that they may see the evil of their ways, and abhor themselves, and repent of their Blasphemies; that so the Nation may be no longer deluded by them.

Secondly, for the practices of these wicked men, how foul are they? and what a height of wickedness and uncleanness is there amongst the most

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most of them? What roarings and howlings do they keep when they meet together? alighting even the Beasts that hear them, as if God were served by their roaring and howling like Dogs? What Witchery and Sorcery is there amongst many of them, so that those that have but come to see them, have been bewitched by them, to follow their pernicious wayes, and so have brought everlasting destruction upon themselves. As one near to *Wurzburg* of late, who ran naked into the Congregation upon the Lords Day; and after giving away all his estate which was worth two or three hundred a year, he ran away in this condition from his wife and children. Likewise, one near *Durham*, who had been a great Professor of Religion for a long time, and a man of good parts, but something given to Noveltyes; going to hear these people call'd Quakers, was presently bewitched by them, that he ran up and down the Town, in a confused manner, crying out very blasphemously; *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*: and thus he continued for the space of two or three moneths, sometimes running naked about the streets in the night, being as he said, so commanded to do, by a voice within him; which voice was the voice of the Devil, with whom he was really possesst, as he himself hath since confessed, it having pleased God since, to bring him out of the

the traitor of the Devil, after a most miraculous manner, that others might see and take notice, and abhor those wicked ways. The Devil having possession of him, he was sometimes carried forth so violently by the power of Satan, to act and utter such strange things, that he soon became the chief among them; to the great grief and sorrow of all his friends, who perswaded him with tears to desert from those wicked and pernicious ways; but all in vain, for he was still posselt with this blasphemous opinion, That God was in him, and that what ever he did was from God: when it was onely from the power and delusion the Devil, as he himself since, hath to the glory of God, confessed.

This man being in his bed, the voice within him, spake unto him as followeth: That he was Christ, and came to live and abide in him; and that he should have two Angels always to attend upon him. At which, there appeared two in the likeness of Sparrows, coming down the Chimney, which came and sat upon the wall by his beds-side, which he conceived were the two Angels spoken of before. After which, the voice within him began to speak again, in a most wicked manner, saying, That he was Christ, and was come to dwell in him; all which he beleaved. Then upon a sudden was he carried, by a more
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then ordinary force, from his bed, and his hand conveyed to a knife which lay in the room. Having this knife in his hand, the point of it was presently set to his throat, and a voice heard, saying, Open that I may enter in. At which it pleased God to smite this man's heart, and by his Almighty power to hold back his hand from cutting his own throat therewith; and then through the mercy of the Lord to him, he saw how he was deluded by the Devil, and so flung away the knife, and ever after forsook and abhorred these wicked and accursed ways, to the great joy and rejoicing of all his friends. The truth of this Relation was testified under his own hand, together with the hands of the Mayor and Minister of the Town, with several others.

The next I come to speak of, is one *Thomas Parnet*, who most blasphemously said he was Christ, and that they should see he could do miracles. And then the Devil deluded him to fast forty days, and forty nights, which he said he would do, that so they might see that he was God. He being in prison at *Cuckfield* for his blasphemy, there began his Fast, and for several days he would eat nothing, and seemed very pleasant, but being narrowly watched that he might eat nothing privately, and to deceive the people, he refused then a fortnight's space began to desire food, which he daily

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dayly offered him before, if he would have eaten it; and then being a weary of his fasting, he began to eat, but to little purpose; for what he eat, went through his body as fast as he eat it, and then when he would have eaten, it gave him no subsistence; and so in two or three days after, he died in a most miserable manner, being guilty of his own death.

Like unto him is now one *James Nailor*, now in prison at *Bristol* for the like blasphemies. This man being a principal man amongst the Quakers, was looked upon by them as their God, all of them owning and receiving for truth what *James Nailor* spake, whose blasphemous opinions are very well known by most men. This *James Nailor* taking upon him to be Christ, and by his accursed sect and followers was so owned and looked upon, yea, and worshipped as Christ. This blasphemous fellow, did in September last past, ride through the City of *Bristol* on Horseback, conducted by others of this wicked sect, who went bare-headed along by his Horse side; others strowing the way as they went, blasphemously cried out, *Hosanna, Hosanna in the high-st, Hely, Hely, the Lord, the Hely One*. Having passed quite through the City in this blasphemous manner, he took up his Inn, where his wicked Disciples washed his feet, and the women

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men wiped them with the haire of their heads? For which accursed, and abominably blasphemous practise, he was after committed to prison there, and is now sent for up to *London* by the Parliament, to answer for the same, who I hope will give him the reward of his iniquity. Oh! that wretched sinfull men should dare thus to blaspheme the living God! Children of the Devil they are, and Enemies of all Righteousness; who have forsaken the right way, and are turned after vanities.

By the Law of *Moses* Blasphemy ought to be stoned to death, as it is recorded in the 24 of *Leviticus*, vers. 16. He that blasphemeth the Name of the Lord, shall surely be put to death, and all the Congregation shall stone him. This is the Law of God delivered by *Moses*: God will not have such wicked wretches, that shall dare to blaspheme his holy Name, to go unpunished: and truly, men ought not to pass it over unpunished; hee is accounted a very bad servant, that shall hear his master abused, and take no notice of it; the Name of God is abused, and his Honour and Majesty is abused by these wicked wretches, and shall they not be punished for this! shall one man be punished for speaking ill of another, and shall not wicked men be punished for blaspheming the great God of heaven and earth! O I tremble

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to thinke what will become of these accursed
wretches, when they shall come to appear before
the Lord, to answer for all their wicked blasphemies. Certainly this is an iniquity, as *Job* saith,
Job 33. 10. to be punished by the Judge. And
if not? *St. Paul* saith, *Roma 13. 4.* the Magistrate
beareth not the sword in vain, but is the Minister
of God to execute wrath upon him that doth evil;
then certainly, if he let such blasphemies as these
go unpunished, he beareth his sword in vain, and
is, in stead of being a terrour unto the evil doers,
an encouragement of them in their sins, and there-
by bring upon themselves the guilt of other mens
sins.

Now, O Christians, I hope these things will
affright you from these ways, and caule in you an
abhorring both of the opinions and practises of
these wicked ones: O that you would tremble to
thinke of the sad condition of these men, what will
become of them, if they repent not, Hell fire and
brimstone shall be their portion for ever. O Chri-
stians, I beseech you for the Lords sake, read the
Epistle of *St. Iohn*, and likewise the second Chap-
ter of the second Epistle of *St. Peter*, and consider
what is there said; compare what is there written,
with our times, see how the opinions and practi-
ses of men in our days agree with these the Apo-
stles there speak of; There were false Prophets,
saith

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saith the Apostle, even as there shall be false Teachers, who shall bring in damnable Heresies, denying the Lord that bought them, and bringing upon themselves swift destruction. If ever there was a time when these things were, certainly it is now: O how do false Prophets and Teachers abound and increase! O what horrid blasphemies and scorned opinions are there broached and practised among us! The Lord cast out from among us that foul spirit of error and blasphemy that so much abounds; give a check, O Lord, to Satan, and stop the current of blasphemy, for thy own Names sake. O Lord arise, and beat down the power of Satan, and let him no longer reign in the hearts of disobedient and gain-saying people. O do thou turn them, O Lord, from sin and Satan, unto thee our God; and establish righteousness and truth, and increase the Kingdome of thy dear son all the world over. O all ye Quakers, Shakers, and Ranters, what ever you are, that blaspheme the Name of God, and despise his Word, repent of your blasphemies, and turn to the Lord, who will have mercy upon you; lest if you persist, the wrath of God be poured forth upon you to destroy you.

Now then consider all of you, and every one of you, and every one that reads or hears this. Consider, I say, and see the dreadful judgements

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The Devils true Question

of God against such sinners as you are; and
repent of your wickedness; and abhorre it;
break off your sins by repentance; and look up
on Jesus Christ, whom you have perced, and
whose blood you have trampled upon; and despi-
sed by your blasphemies.

Which that you may unfeignedly do, the Lord
himself send out his light and truth; and scatter
all these mists and fogs of error, heresie and blas-
phemy; that now so much abound; and bring
down the power of Satan; and set up the King-
dome of Christ; and settle and establish righte-
ousness and truth in the midst of us; and make
us praise; and the glory of the whole world.
Even so come Lord Jesus, Come quickly.

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Considerate Reader, There are five other vo-
ry good Christian Books printed, which will by
Gods assistance, direct thee in the way to Hea-
ven, and preserve and establish thee in the truth.
One is called, *The Plain mans path to Hea-
ven*; a second, *Dooms day at hand*; a third,
The charitable Christian; a fourth, *The Devils
Disease*; a fifth, *The Black Book of Conscience*.
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